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SUBJECT: CONSERVATION REGULATIONS FOR ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

1. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF
ATLANTIC TUNAS HAS RECENTLY ADOPTED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE

CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 10, 1975, UNLESS THERE IS AN OFFICIAL OBJECTION BY ONE OF THE MEMBER NATIONS.

2. THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THAT THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PROHIBIT ANY TAKING AND LANDING BLUEFIN TUNA (THUNNUS THYNNUS THYNNUS - UNDERSCORE) WEIGHING LESS THAN 6.4 KG.

(B) THAT AS A PRELIMINARY STEP, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES THAT ARE ACTIVELY FISHING FOR BLUEFIN TUNA OR THOSE THAT INCIDENTALLY CATCH IT IN SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES SHALL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO LIMIT THE FISHING MORTALITY OF BLUEFIN TUNA TO RECENT LEVELS FOR A PERIOD OF 1 YEAR.

3. USG IS FINALIZING REGULATIONS FOR US FISHERMEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, AND IN THIS CONNECTION IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT IF INFORMATION COULD BE OBTAINED REGARDING THE STEPS BEING TAKEN BY THE OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE BLUEFIN RECOMMENDATIONS. IF NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN, ARE THERE INDICATIONS THAT THE NATURE OF THE FISHERY IS SUCH AS TO NOT REQUIRE SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE INTENT OF THE ICCAT RECOMMENDATIONS?

4. BECAUSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT YET EFFECTIVE, AND OBJECTIONS COULD STILL BE MADE, EXCEPT FOR PARIS, MADRID, TOKYO, SEOUL, PRETORIA, CONTACTS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOTBE MADE WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. DEPT. REALIZES THAT UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES INFO MAY BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN BUT WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSMITTAL OF ANYTHING RELEVANT WHICH IS AVAILABLE.

5. FOR PARIS, MADRID, TOKYO, SEOUL, PRETORIA: HOST
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GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY OFFICIALLY AGREED TO BLUEFIN RECOMMENDATIONS, SO INFORMAL CONTACTS IN THASE CASES COULD BE MADE WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO DETERMINE WHAT SPECIFIC IMPLEMENTING STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN. KISSINGER

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